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### AZ ROC Refreshes Most Wanted Unlicensed Entity List

PHOENIX, Ariz., (Aug. 1, 2016) – The Arizona Registrar of Contractors (AZ ROC) launched a new website and is now cleaning up its Most Wanted Unlicensed Entity list.

The move comes after multiple individuals on the list were arrested and several remaining on the list were either, wanted on low-level, older misdemeanors and no longer being reported as actively attempting to contract or tracked down and found to be living out of state and wanted on non-extradition warrants.

Added to the list are the following three individuals:

#### **James Howard Davis, 57 years old**



**Warrant:** Maricopa County

**Work Locations:** Statewide

**Wanted for:** Fraudulent Schemes, Unlicensed Entity Fraudulently Using a Legitimate ROC License

James Howard Davis has contracted without a license for several years. Most recently and earning him a felony warrant, the Registrar investigated a case last year where he's accused of passing himself off in 2014 as a legitimate contractor by fraudulently providing potential consumers with a legitimate AZ ROC licensee's company name.

Since 2008, AZ ROC has investigated four cases against him and investigation revealed he abandons jobs after receiving payment.

### **Joseph William Wharton, II, 29 years old**



**Warrant:** Maricopa and Yavapai Counties

**Work Locations:** Statewide

**Wanted for:** Contracting Without A License

Joseph Wharton II, who operates under the name Joe's Home Improvements, has outstanding warrants in several Arizona counties. He has been known to target the vulnerable adults and solicits contracting jobs by knocking on doors and giving a false name. A recent investigation found Wharton offered to perform unnecessary roof repairs for a vulnerable adult in exchange for \$4,700. He returned two days later and solicited additional money he claimed was for his daughter's medial expenses.

Since 2010, six cases resulted in the Registrar's investigators serving cease and desist orders, issuing civil citations and submitting multiple cases to county prosecutors.

### **Martin John Craven, III, 29 years old**



**Warrant:** Maricopa County

**Work Locations:** Statewide

**Wanted for:** Fraudulent Schemes

Martin Craven, who operates under the name Sonoran Well and Pump, has become known to the Registrar of Contractors due to two serious complaints. In one case, he took a large sum of money upfront from his victim and then failed to produce any work. In another, he performed poor work on a well leaving several homeowners without water for days.

He currently has a warrant for his arrest charging Fraudulent Schemes and the Registrar fined him \$1,500 for his unlicensed activities.

Individuals on the AZ ROC's Most Wanted Unlicensed Entity list represent those who have active warrants for their arrest, typically related to them allegedly contracting without a license. They also may be placed on the list due to the egregious nature of the work performed or amounts of money taken from their victims without performing any work.

As always, AZ ROC reminds the public, only professional law enforcement personnel should attempt to apprehend these individuals.

To see the full list of individuals on the AZ ROC's Most Wanted Unlicensed Entity List and all Unlicensed Violations; click [here](#).

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